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CONTROLLER AND A VEHICULAR POWER GENERATION CONTROLLING
DEVICE

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- ☒ 3. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references 3-9 are attached hereto.

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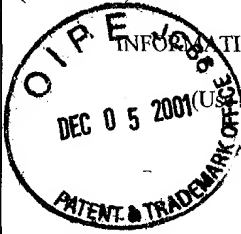
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